

DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to the communication dated 2/26/2008.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, and 26-29 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: While the prior art provides teachings of dividing an encryption key by a division pattern and transmitting the "passkeys" over separate communication channels, the prior art does not teach or suggest creating multiple sets of passkeys, each set of at least two passkeys specific to a respective one specific destination and further dividing a portion of the passkeys into partial keys and distributing the partial keys separately from the remaining passkeys, in the specific combination of limitations as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW T. HENNING whose telephone number is (571)272-3790. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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